

Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

***Meeting Minute
March 12, 2008***

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:08pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Blouin, John Nikias, Tom Reynolds, Joe Fiala, Chuck Metcalf, Valerie King

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Chuck moved to accept the minutes as written (with correction of Holly to Holy) for the February 12, 2008 meeting. Jim seconded the motion. All (6) approved. Motion carried.

SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE(with Dot O'Neil):

- The February 19th meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions (ice in the parking lot). The meeting was rescheduled for March 6th, but had to be cancelled due to the speaker being ill. The new rescheduled date is April 3rd.

BUDGET UPDATE:

- Voters chose the default budget for this year. Line items revert to those used last year (i.e. Senior Citizen line is \$1,500).

CHASE PARK:

- Chuck met with Kathy Robichaud regarding this season's park hours including the possibility of discontinuing the 6am hours, and changing the 10am opening to 9am.
- Proposed hours are attached (e-mail by Chuck to Committee members on February 22, 2008). The plan will be to go forward with the proposed hours until the budget dictates otherwise.
- Summer staff at Chase: Committee will consider applicants under the age of 14. A job advertisement for summer Park workers will be posted on the local cable channel and in the school newsletters.

Tom moved to allow Kathy to purchase shirts for staff at Chase Park. Chuck seconded the motion. All (6) in favor. Motion carried.

- Kathy will be put in charge of order shirts (2 shirts for new staff, 1 shirt for returning staff - same graphics as in the past).
- Discussion about providing a water bubbler for staff (per Kathy's request). The cost of the stand is \$148 (hot and cold water model) plus the cost of water. The Committee decided that they would not pursue this option at this time.
- Swim Lessons:

John moved to offer swim lessons at Chase Park (for 2-4 weeks depending on demand and instructor availability). Motion seconded by Gene. All (6) in favor.

- Discussion as to whether staff should be checking boat registrations to ensure that the boats are owned by a Weare resident (as is done with car stickers).
- Committee considering the possibility of purchasing stickers that have a space for printing (with a Sharpie) license numbers (like stickers used at the dump). Boat and car stickers should also be different colors (to distinguish between them easily).
- Discussion regarding when to close the gates to Chase. Decision made that the gates should be closed the day after all boats are required to be off New Hampshire lakes. Notice of date should be posted on Channel 6.

FIELD USAGE:

- Representatives present: Gerry Morin (WMS & WAC), Tony Sawyer (JSGFA), Bruce Clement (WAC), Jim Blouin (on behalf of Women's Softball). Mike Cole (Lacrosse) stopped by to pick up a form, but couldn't stay. He indicated that his team will need the field in the spring only.
- On June 7th, the Boy Scouts will be using Bolton in the afternoon. According to Gerry, WAC will only need the field until noon for soccer games. The field will be made available to the Boy Scouts in the afternoon.
- Both women's softball teams would like to use the field on Wednesday nights after 6pm.
- The JSGFA begins practice in August. There has been an increased demand for use of Henniker fields. As a result, JSGFA may not be able to get field space in Henniker. The team has requested the use of the Bolton baseball field for flag football (will work with the "fall ball" to coordinate). In addition, the team will need to use the Gazebo area Monday thru Friday evenings from August thru November.
- The school fields should be ready to use by fall. Therefore, the school teams should not need to use PARC fields come fall.
- Debris remains at Bolton field by the storage unit. Chuck will e-mail Brian (WAC President) about this again. This area should be cleaned up before field usage begins.
- Each organization has submitted field usage forms to PARC.

PARC COORDINATOR:

- The position was posted in-house. Only one application received (Joe Fiala). Discussion/informal interview with applicant.

*Jim moved to recommend to BOS that Joe Fiala be hired as the PARC Coordinator.
Tom seconded the motion. All (5) approved.*

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sweeping of Chase parking lot by inmates. Joe spoke with Tony Sawyer. They will need a minimum of a half days worth of work (they can't work other than sweeping). The charge is the cost of providing lunch. PARC may also need to purchase 6-7 brooms.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Appointments: Chuck will submit paperwork for himself, Tom, Gene and Val to be reappointed (terms all ending in 2008).

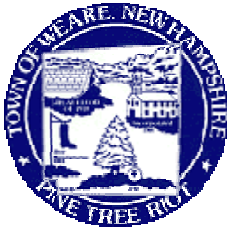
- Elections: Chuck will remain as Chairman, Tom as Vice-Chair (and handling bills), and Valerie as Secretary.
- Chuck will remind BOS that PARC will need a new ex-officio now that Joe's term as Selectman has ended (as of the end of this week).
- Gene's boat ramp project is on hold pending the Coordinator position being filled.
- This fall, snow fell before aerating could be done at the soccer field (as authorized at the Oct 10th and Nov 13th meetings). As soon as weather permits, Cutting Blade will aerate and over-seed the soccer field at Bolton.

Chuck moved for Cutting Blade to aerate, drag and over-seed the Bolton soccer field once weather permits. Tom seconded the motion. Jim abstained. All others approved. Motion carried.

Chuck moved for have Cutting Blade to do spring fertilizing at all fields when weather permits. Tom seconded the motion. Jim abstained. All others approved. Motion carried.

- It was noted that the charge for the telephone poles will end by July. PARC is currently charged \$90 per month.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:15pm



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Valerie King, Secretary
Jim Blouin
Gene Proper
John Nikias
Joe Fiala Ex-Officio

Proposed Chase Park hours of operation for 2008 Season

(Subject to change without notice by PARC Commission)

May 10 th	10am-4pm	
May 17 th and 80 th	10am-4pm	
May 24 th -26 th	11am-8pm	
May 31 st and June 1 st	10am-4pm	
June 2 nd -6 th	8am-8pm	Park and bathrooms open but not staffed, boat ramp closed
June 7 th and 8 th	10am-4pm	
June 9 th -13 th	8am-8pm	Park and bathrooms open but not staffed, boat ramp closed
June 14 th and 15 th	10am-6pm	
June 16 th -20 th	8am-8pm	Park and bathrooms open but not staffed, boat ramp closed
June 21 st and 22 nd	10am-6pm	
June 23 rd Aug 26 th	9am-9pm	
Aug 27 th -Aug 29 th	8am-8pm	Park and bathrooms open but not staffed, boat ramp closed
Aug 30 th - Sept 1 st	9am-8pm	
Sept. 6 th and 7 th	10am-5pm	
Sept. 13 th and 14 th	10am-5pm	
Sept. 20 th and 21 st	10am-5pm	
Sept. 28 th	10am-5pm	
Oct. 11 th and 12 th	11am-4pm	ALL BOATS OUT BY THIS DATE!!!